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## Flooding Safety Improvements

**Collinsville, IL** - The Illinois Department of Transportation announces lane closures will be implemented on the Poplar Street Bridge complex **Tuesday, May 16, 2017**. These restrictions will be placed in Illinois for eastbound travelers near the Illinois Route 3 south exit ramp. The left lane of the I-55\70\64 collector-distributor will be closed eastbound at its split from the Interstate mainline in East St. Louis. The eastbound mainline right lane will be closed at the Illinois/Missouri border. These lane closures will be in place between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. tomorrow.

The lane restrictions are necessary to install a new crash attenuator at this location. Bowman D8 Operations along with John Thomas, Inc. from Dixon, Illinois will join forces to make the safety improvement.

Traffic control devices and directional signage, including dynamic message boards, will be deployed to guide motorists safely through the area. Travelers are advised to consider alternate routes or allow additional time to travel in and around this area. Regardless, all motorists are urged to be patient, reduce speed and exercise added caution throughout the Metro East region – as traffic patterns and travel times will likely be affected.

Detailed information on Metro East construction impacting area highways is also available at <http://apps.dot.illinois.gov/stl-traffic/>. For IDOT District 8 updates on Twitter, please follow us at <https://twitter.com/IDOTDistrict8>.



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